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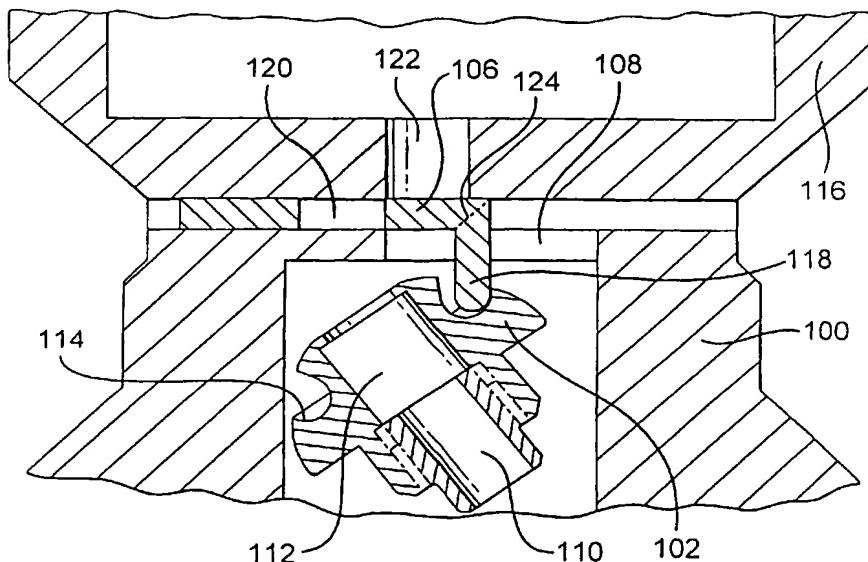
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(57) Abstract: A small arms projectile for a small arms weapon, which projectile comprises a warhead (116) having an explosive charge (not shown), an initiator (102), and a firing pin (not shown). The initiator has safe and armed conditions and is capable of detonating the explosive charge of the warhead when the initiator is in the armed condition and impacted with sufficient force by the firing pin. The projectile further comprises shielding means (106) positioned between the initiator and the explosive charge of the warhead, which shielding means is slidable from a safety position in which the shielding means shields the explosive charge of the warhead from the initiator, to an armed position in which the initiator is capable of detonating the explosive charge of the warhead. The shielding means is slidable from the safe to the armed position in response to the initiator moving from the safe to the armed condition.

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